

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Report for the month of JANUARY, 1949.

Issued by the Government Statistician (Mr. R.J. Little), Perth, 2/3/49.

This report gives the latest available figures relative to Population; Marriages; Births and Deaths; Land Settlement; State Government Revenue and Expenditure; Savings Banks; Bank Clearances; Real Estate Transactions; Sales Tax; Companies Registered and Bankruptcy; Government Railway Operations; Motor Vehicle Registrations; Trade; Building Construction; Butter Production; Gold Output and Dividends Reported; Retail Prices Index; Employment; Unemployment Benefits; Electricity Supply (Metropolitan Area) and Livestock Slaughterings.

POPULATION.

The population of the State on the 30th June, 1948 was estimated to be 515,302, comprising 264,458 Males and 250,844 Females.

On the 30th June, 1947, the Population of the Metropolitan Area was 272,528.

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

	DECEMBER		Year ended - DECEMBER	
	1948	1947	1948	1947
Marriages No.	554	500	5,187	5,282
*Rate per 1000 of Population	12.57	11.58	10.07	10.49
Births No.	1,051	1,007	12,934	12,874
*Rate per 1000 of Population	23.84	23.32	25.11	25.57
Deaths No.	356	418	4,686	4,723
*Rate per 1000 of Population	8.08	9.68	9.10	9.38
Infant Mortality No.	27	37	331	398
Rate per 1000 Live Births	25.69	36.74	25.59	30.92
<u>PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH -</u>				
Tuberculosis	14	13	166	141
Cancer	45	60	620	594
Influenza	-	-	23	8
Diphtheria	-	-	7	8
Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc.	40	39	422	422
Arteriosclerosis	16	16	152	164
Diseases of the Heart	120	115	1,427	1,370
Pneumonia and Broncho Pneumonia	16	23	288	278
Diarrhoea and Enteritis	1	5	23	36
Nephritis	11	15	170	182
Diseases of Early Infancy	22	20	195	204
Senility	2	4	77	118
Accidents	24	36	280	299
All Other Causes	45	72	836	899
TOTAL	356	418	4,686	4,723

* Equivalent Annual Rate.

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what stage of development the other stages of development are at, so I'll list of
what we know about each stage and then we can figure out what the overall story
is.

Initial Niche Selection

Stage	Initial Niche	Final Niche	Reason
Initial	Open, VBS, L	Open, VBS	Initial niche is open, no competition, low risk
Alpha	Open, VBS	Open, VBS	Alpha niche is open, no competition, low risk
Beta	Open, VBS	Open, VBS	Beta niche is open, no competition, low risk
Gamma	Open, VBS	Open, VBS	Gamma niche is open, no competition, low risk

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Competitor Analysis

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Strategic Plan

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Implementation

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Monitoring and Evaluation

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Conclusion

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Final Notes

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LAND SETTLEMENT.

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the month of January totalled 55,324 acres, a decrease of 4,372 acres on the corresponding month last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 274,477 acres, an increase of 40,479 acres.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

	Month of JANUARY		7 Months ended JANUARY	
	1949	1948	1949	1948
Revenue	£	£	£	£
Revenue Per Head of Popln.	1,533,700 £2.18.10d.	1,287,900 £2.10.7d.	11,242,554 £21.13.8d.	9,218,876 £18.4.4d.
Expenditure	1,634,259 £3.2.8d.	1,458,338 £2.17.3d.	11,864,425 £22.17.8d.	10,041,719 £19.16.10d.

SAVINGS BANKS.

Deposits on the 31st January amounted to £36,477,071 or £69.17.7d. per head of population as against £35,721,786 or £70.1.8d. per head as at the 31st January last year.

BANK CLEARANCES.

The average weekly clearances for the 4 weeks ended 26th January, 1949 amounted to £6,257,291, compared with £5,553,329 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles & Deeds	JANUARY		7 Months ended JANUARY	
	1949	1948	1949	1948
Transfers	No. 1,314 £ 690,986	1,089 500,329	11,101 5,863,970	10,329 5,136,250
Mortgages	No. 672 £ 709,340	688 591,496	6,089 5,975,799	6,416 5,974,461
Discharges of Mortgages	No. 699	655	5,559	5,712

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE & EXEMPT GOODS & TAX COLLECTED.

Month of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Gross)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross)		
1948 -	£	£	£	£
January	1,269,393	752,509	3,011,477	175,780
February	1,257,388	864,177	3,248,518	137,796
March	1,093,047	599,259	2,779,556	148,425
April	1,463,655	1,226,320	3,719,757	156,617
May	1,369,377	772,233	3,414,017	155,967
June	1,366,881	1,156,566	3,913,584	162,770
July	1,222,057	834,278	4,304,727	147,595
August	1,535,712	1,104,077	3,564,010	155,618
September	1,412,657	949,181	3,424,681	179,347
October	1,402,699	905,874	3,320,550	164,704
November	1,621,539	1,010,631	3,508,259	180,926
December	1,685,438	972,483	3,963,816	176,856
1949 -				
January	1,638,073	836,857	3,330,179	193,500

COMPANIES REGISTERED.

75 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £7,956,900 and 29 Foreign Companies were registered during the seven months ended January, 1949. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 72 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £1,937,500 and 29 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY.

	7 Months ended JANUARY					
	1949			1948		
	No.	Liabilities	Assets	No.	Liabilities	Assets
Sequestration Orders	12	£ 9,853	£ 2,440	6	£ 18,681	£ 2,405
Deeds of Assignment(a)	9	47,453	39,547	4	8,412	4,409
Deeds of Arrangement	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT.

The operations of the State Government Railways open for general and passenger traffic were as follows :--

	DECEMBER		6 Months ended DECEMBER	
	1948	1947	1948	1947
Gross Earnings (£	459,100	395,900	2,609,700	2,311,300
Working Expenses (£	575,024	431,594	3,360,688	2,591,513
Train Miles Run	616,422	609,182	3,579,232	3,697,836
Passenger Journeys	1,012,980	1,185,268	6,343,603	6,909,612
Tonnage Carried -				
Paying Goods	216,852	213,958	1,287,535	1,297,170
Livestock	15,475	13,197	95,793	95,357
Departmental (Free Freight)	56,853	48,939	303,148	308,640
Total	289,180	276,094	1,686,476	1,701,167
Net Ton Mileage of -				
Paying Goods	29,885,695	31,151,074	187,879,777	192,523,496
Livestock	1,793,046	1,502,135	12,467,247	11,950,107
Departmental (Free Freight)	8,257,501	7,685,069	47,256,117	50,773,940
Total	39,936,242	40,338,278	247,603,141	255,247,543

STATEMENT OF EXPENSES

For the period ending December 31, 1947 (1)

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MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (EXCLUDING COMMONWEALTH OWNED VEHICLES)

Period	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (Including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (Including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
Year 1947	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1947	1,224	519	40	593	2,066	1,685	54	883
Year 1948	2,083	726	63	824	4,036	2,483	114	1,376
<u>1948 -</u>								
January	74	27	1	49	140	124	5	80
February	112	44	3	72	246	151	6	97
March	173	51	6	92	337	159	9	126
April	202	40	3	67	394	147	9	101
May	150	53	6	60	311	163	13	86
June	213	64	4	54	268	126	4	67
July	189	68	6	62	518	368	13	151
August	168	74	7	54	355	242	9	101
September	253	83	7	82	452	238	12	130
October	192	71	8	61	353	250	13	122
November	215	79	3	89	384	222	9	159
December	142	72	9	82	278	293	12	156

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS)*

Date (As at end of Month)	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (In- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (In- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
<u>1947 -</u>	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
June	20,522	9,467	255	5,290	32,793	31,382	331	8,195
<u>1948 -</u>								
June	21,968	10,132	275	5,445	35,485	34,362	457	8,874
July	22,432	10,423	290	5,601	35,025	32,214	500	8,241
August	22,586	10,574	296	5,706	35,907	34,017	512	8,676
September	22,877	10,765	308	5,851	36,533	34,834	531	8,979
October	23,031	10,880	325	5,913	36,815	35,164	546	9,186
November	23,287	10,979	328	5,975	37,443	35,898	557	9,425
December	23,389	11,081	335	6,063	37,820	36,453	572	9,622

* Excluding Commonwealth-owned Vehicles, which comprised for December, 1948 - 135 Cars; 508 Wagons, Vans, etc.; 6 Buses and 3 Motor Cycles.

TRADE (Interstate and Overseas).

Trade of Western Australia, December, 1948 and 1947, and 6 months ending December, 1948 and 1947, expressed in terms of Australian currency :-

	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (Including Ships' Stores)			
	DECEMBER		6 Months ended DECEMBER		DECEMBER		6 Months ended DECEMBER	
	1948	1947	1948	1947	1948	1947	1948	1947
Oversea	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000
	1,668	1,288	10,589	7,403	4,129	4,040	23,457	20,547
Interstate	3,034	2,592	15,560	13,360	286	608	2,365	3,234
TOTAL	4,702	3,880	26,149	20,763	4,415	4,648	25,822	23,781

BUILDING ACTIVITY.

Note: These tables supersede particulars published in previous reports of Building Permits issued by Local Authorities.

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED.

Period	Dwellings				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-Built		By Contractors, etc. (a)							
	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000
Year 1946	55	32	1,316	1,221	52	82	145	192	1,568	1,527
Year 1947	165	109	2,245	2,380	37	64	164	327	2,611	2,880
Year 1948	514	346	2,544	3,041	49	160	268	431	3,375	3,978
<u>1948</u>										
March Qr.	66	48	504	552	4	4	88	76	662	680
June Qr.	126	82	627	731	11	33	56	67	820	913
Sept. Qr.	96	62	631	765	22	80	53	134	802	1,041
Dec. Qr.	226	154	782	993	12	43	71	154	1,091	1,344

(a) Comprises Governmental Day Labour as well as Private Contractor operations and includes Shop Dwellings and other Residential, excluded from table (2) hereunder.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION.
(Including Owner-Built Homes).

Period	Houses Completed - Classified according to Materials of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone, Concrete, etc.		Wood or mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement		Other Material		Total	
	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000
Year 1946	578	640	186	140	373	296	227	172	1,364	1,248
Year 1947	1,114	1,365	257	196	966	862	62	47	2,399	2,470
Year 1948	1,252	1,715	326	249	1,436	1,348	29	22	3,043	3,334
<u>1948</u>										
March Qr.	247	320	72	48	245	225	3	1	567	594
June Qr.	295	386	93	70	353	325	5	4	746	785
Sept. Qr.	310	433	81	65	323	315	10	8	724	821
Dec. Qr.	400	576	80	66	515	483	11	9	1,006	1,134

BUTTER PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES.

1,793,566 lbs. were produced during December, 1948, and 11,961,390 lbs. for the six months ended December, 1948, as against 1,908,160 lbs. and 11,914,249 lbs. respectively, for the corresponding periods for 1947.

GOLD PRODUCTION.

	JANUARY		12 Months ended DECEMBER	
	1949	1948	1948	1947
Quantity ... Fine Ozs.	51,410	54,941	664,985	703,886
Value (Aust. Currency) £	553,305	591,404	7,158,019	7,575,574

Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies for the 12 months ended December, 1948 amounted to £836,939. Dividends reported for the corresponding period for 1947 were £894,085.

RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS.

(Base of each Series: Weighted Average of Six Capitals for 1923/27 = 1000).

Town	Food and Groceries				All Items of Household Expenditure ("C" Series)			
	JANUARY		12 Months ended DECEMBER		DECEMBER QUARTER		12 Months ended DECEMBER	
	1949	1948	1948	1947	1948	1947	1948	1947
Metropolitan Area	1332	1168	1251	1104	1316	1189	1264	1161
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	1470	1322	1387	1239	1415	1297	1368	1265
Northam	1360	1186	1272	1125	1322	1200	1272	1171
Bunbury	1346	1173	1257	1108	1327	1201	1277	1173
Geraldton	1360	1193	1279	1133	1383	1251	1327	1221
Collie	1354	1186	1265	1123	1268	1146	1217	1117

ESTIMATED TOTAL EMPLOYMENT.
(Excluding Rural and Private Domestic)

Figures Supplied by Commonwealth Statistician.

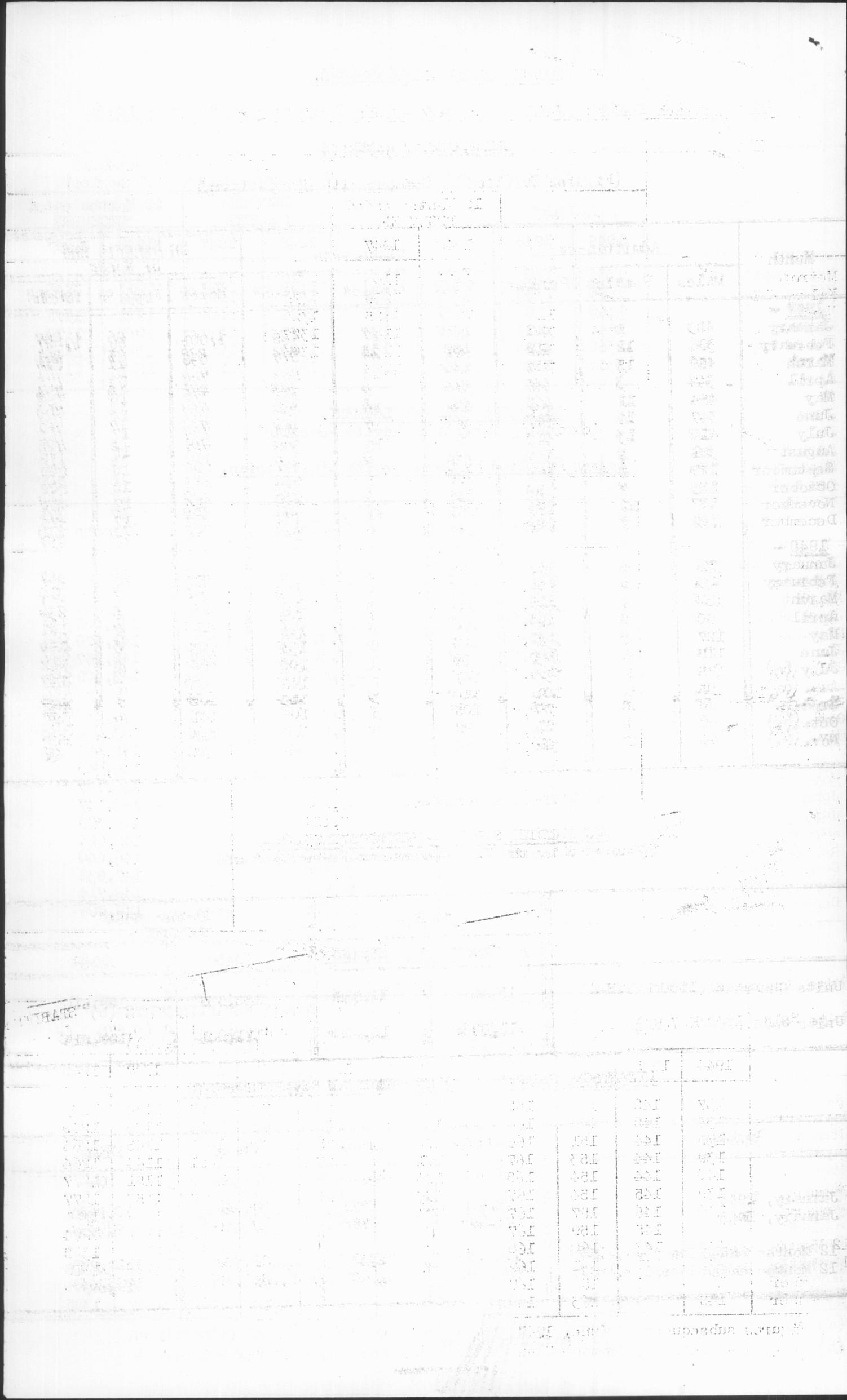
Month	Males	Females	Persons
<u>1947 -</u>			
July	104,271	35,640	139,911
August	104,124	35,816	139,940
September	105,208	35,888	141,096
October	105,646	35,924	141,570
November	105,849	36,308	142,157
December	106,764	36,645	143,409
<u>1948 -</u>			
January	106,732	36,366	143,098
February	106,519	36,527	143,046
March	107,574	36,832	144,406
April	108,141	36,908	145,049
May	109,227	36,880	146,107
June	109,205	36,942	146,147
July	109,375	37,154	146,529
August	108,611	37,073	145,684
September	109,416	37,224	146,640
October	110,240	37,592	147,832
November	111,010	37,704	148,714
December	111,491	38,015	149,506

EMPLOYMENT INDEX SERIES.

Month	FACTORIES (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees = 100))					RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS (b) (Base: July, 1941 (9,578 Employees = 1000))				
	1944	1945	1946	1947(a)	1948(a)	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948
January	137	142	145	162	168	826	870	995	1134	1233
February	138	142	148	164	168	824	868	1016	1138	1249
March	139	144	151	166	170	825	877	1045	1145	1264
April	139	144	153	167	171	827	876	1051	1144	1264
May	140	144	154	168	174	832	891	1069	1151	1277
June	139	145	154	167	173	829	903	1087	1153	1277
July	140	146	157	167(a)	174	832	899	1096	1168	1301
August	140	145	159	167	173	832	897	1109	1181	1294
Sept.	140	143	160	169	174	834	914	1114	1172	1302
October	140	141	161	169	175	837	929	1118	1184	1318
November	141	141	158	167	175	851	965	1133	1215	1349
December	142	145	163	168	176	886	1012	1165	1267	1385

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1947 are preliminary and are based primarily on Pay Roll Tax Returns.

(b) Indexes computed by Commonwealth Statistician from Pay Roll Tax Returns.



UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS.

(Figures Supplied by Commonwealth Statistician)

Month	Admittances			Discharges			On Benefit End of Month		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
<u>1947 -</u>									
January	483	8	491	668	17	685	1,001	26	1,027
February	396	12	408	559	15	574	838	23	861
March	459	13	472	549	13	562	748	23	771
April	342	3	345	314	8	322	776	18	794
May	454	11	465	481	15	496	749	14	763
June	347	10	357	352	7	359	744	17	761
July	410	13	423	373	15	388	781	15	796
August	351	9	360	538	9	547	594	15	609
September	179	5	184	279	5	284	494	15	509
October	183	7	190	235	5	240	442	17	459
November	177	11	188	261	11	272	358	17	375
December	181	7	188	124	9	133	415	15	430
<u>1948 -</u>									
January	335	4	339	393	9	402	357	10	367
February	131	5	136	185	8	193	303	7	310
March	112	3	115	181	5	186	234	5	239
April	90	4	94	140	2	142	184	7	191
May	127	4	131	125	8	133	186	3	189
June	117	6	123	97	3	100	206	6	212
July (a)	128	5	133	141	7	148	193	4	197
Aug. (a)	95	6	101	110	3	113	178	7	185
Sept. (a)	68	2	70	105	3	108	141	6	147
Oct. (a)	66	5	71	92	8	100	115	3	118
Nov. (a)	44	2	46	64	4	68	95	1	96

(a) Subject to Revision.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA.
(Generated by the W.A. Government Power Station)

	JANUARY -		7 Months ended JANUARY -	
	1949	1948	1949	1948
Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.)	15,554	17,539	132,539	129,510
Units Sold (1000 K.W.H.)	11,886	14,489	111,001	109,813

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
	No.	No.	No.	No.
January, 1949	5,951	527	71,826	10,224
January, 1948	5,428	279	63,509	9,744
12 Months ended December, 1948	103,223	5,119	1,006,789	119,173
12 Months ended December, 1947	95,932	4,641	1,053,826	123,844

Month	Year	Period			Period			Period			Period			Period		
		1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	13th	14th	15th
Jan	1941	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Feb	1941	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	1	2	3	4
Mar	1941	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Apr	1941	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
May	1941	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Jun	1941	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	1	2	3
Jul	1941	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Aug	1941	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Sep	1941	30	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Oct	1941	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Nov	1941	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Dec	1941	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15

(a) *Estimated monthly consumption*

User	Period			Period			Period			Period			Period		
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	13th	14th	15th
1	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
2	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	1	2	3	4	5

(b) *Estimated monthly consumption*